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# George Bush and the CIA

CAN GEORGE Bush find happiness at the CIA and can the CIA be happy with its new boss?

One who knows both Bush and the inner workings of the nation's top intelligence agency worries that, by nature, Bush wants to be liked and his personality is not the kind the professional intelligence man would choose for his boss.

He weighs this handicap against the assets Bush will bring to the agency as salesman for a strong foreign intelligence branch on Capitol Hill and concludes they can be happy together.

It will not be easy. He says CIA is so demoralized and so spooked by disclosures of secret information that they have closed ranks against outsiders.

But, he also says Bush will run into some friendly faces, including persons he has known in the past. They will help.

Bush reassured those who know him only as a politician with the promise at his swearing-in ceremony that "no policy bias will color the collective judgment of the CIA... we'll call it like we see it."

The promise fit the image of the CIA as one of its own professionals drew it by comparison with other intelligence units in government.

"When the CIA is asked to do a job, it does it. The state department waffles. The defense department turns loose an elephant."

Do the Bush children object to their father heading the intelligence agency?

Says mother Barbara, "They trust their father to make everything right."

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NON-CANDIDATE John B. Connally may not, as Sen. Barry Goldwater for one foresees, wind up with the Republi-

can presidential nomination but he's the Alfalfa Club's candidate.

The top-drawer, top-fun Alfalfans made him their candidate at their top-secret annual dinner, attended by some 600 corporation executive types, all of whom couldn't resist telling about it.

The roasting Connally gave the season's politicians in the tradition established for an acceptance speech was said to be one of his stellar performances.

Of Goldwater's prediction, cracked Connally, "in his heart, he knows he's right."

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MAYBE IT'S just as well that football takes precedence over peace-keeping. Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry and Pittsburgh Steelers star Terry Bradshaw were bound to draw attention as guests at last week's White House dinner for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Lesser known but no less noted by the honor guest were Doris and John W. Dixon of Dallas, whose E Systems corporation will be responsible for monitoring the early-warning peace-keeping system in the Sinai Desert.

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A STATE DINNER at the White House is pretty heady stuff but a reception at CIA headquarters is even rarer.

Bush shared the reception prior to his swearing in as director of central intelligence last week with people who worked for him in Congress, former colleagues on the House Ways and Means Committee and the bi-partisan membership of the Texas House delegation. They came — bi-partisanly.

Texans who just happened to be in town and also got in on the treat were

Mrs. Sally McKenzie and Mrs. Virginia Eggers of Dallas, Mrs. Al Fay of Houston and the Baird Friedmans of Fort Worth.

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